



Dynamic Coalition Coordination Group – Virtual Meeting XXX

Summary Report

11 September 2018

1. The thirtieth virtual meeting of the DC Coordination Group (DCCG) took place on 11 September 2018. The meeting was facilitated by Jutta Croll and Markus Kummer, with Eleonora Mazzucchi representing the IGF Secretariat. Live captioning was available during the call, with the transcript posted on the IGF's website:
https://www.intgovforum.org/multilingual/index.php?q=filedepot_download/6277/1301
2. The meeting focused almost exclusively on reviewing a [written proposal](#) for the DCs and Multistakeholder Advisory Group (MAG) co-organized main session on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), under one of the eight IGF 2018 programme themes, 'Development, Innovation & Economic Issues'. In previous meetings, coalitions had suggested and strongly supported organizing a thematic session on the SDGs, as this would be sufficiently broad to cover all their fields of work and emphasise a strong connection between their activities and the UN agenda.
3. The proposal used as its starting point a simple DCs/SDGs matrix (**ANNEX I**) to visualize the overlaps between the issues coalitions deal with and the SDGs, which themselves are made up of various sub-targets. Prior to the meeting, DCs had actively contributed to the matrix to accurately reflect their work. From this visualization, it was clear that all DCs intersect with many of the SDGs, and vice a versa, with particularly strong convergences on Quality Education (SDG 4); Gender Equality (SDG 5); Decent Work & Economic Growth (SDG 8); Industry, Innovation & Infrastructure (SDG 9); Reduced Inequalities (SDG 10); Peace, Justice & Strong Institutions (SDG 16); and Partnerships for the Goals (SDG 17). From there, the proposal identified a few general policy questions to guide the content of the session, also incorporating many ideas proposed by MAG members who have volunteered as co-organizers. This includes a possible structure for the session, wherein DC representatives would deliver the opening statements, tying sustainable development targets to the issues in their own work, followed by interventions by expert panellists.
4. During the meeting, this approach to the session found much support. The point was made that the moderator would have to be very deft at managing the time, given that the session would in reality only be 80-minutes long, and that a number of subject-matter panellists in addition to coalition representatives, would speak. It was agreed that these panellists, who will likely be from Governments and the private sector, would initially be suggested and then agreed on by DCs and MAG members together. The policy questions, which centre around the benefits and challenges of Internet and technological change in the context of the SDGs, it was said could be further refined to ensure they relate more specifically to

Internet governance (IG) issues and moreover, the particular IG issues relevant to DCs. Coalitions were invited to make these changes in the [open, editable document](#). It was also agreed, as suggested in the document, that the spoken contributions of DCs in the session should be supported by individual, succinct background papers that present the link between the DC and relevant SDGs.

5. Overall, the document was found to be a good start and inclusive of DCs' interests, as well as those of the MAG members involved in the session, who come mostly from the private sector. The [document](#) was ultimately endorsed. It was further decided that this proposal, which remains open for suggested edits and comments, would be more widely shared with interested MAG members and that the joint DC-MAG planning for the session would definitively move to the mailing list dedicated to this effort. As many DCs as possible, once again, were encouraged to subscribe themselves to this list:
https://intgovforum.org/mailman/listinfo/development-innovation-economicissues_intgovforum.org
6. A portion of the call was spent discussing accessibility issues in remote participation. As had been noted in the previous DCs call, the Webex platform used by the Secretariat can be difficult to use and is in many instances, not accessible to persons with disabilities. Unfortunately, due to this, and despite the Secretariat's best efforts to facilitate, a representative of the Dynamic Coalition on Accessibility (DCAD), who is blind, was unable to join the call. DCAD representatives were invited to join the MAG meeting that would take place the following day to further bring attention to this issue.
7. The next DC coordination call will take place in approximately one month or earlier to discuss pending issues relevant to DCs and the main session planning. General discussions on the main session should in the meantime continue on the separate, dedicated list:
https://intgovforum.org/mailman/listinfo/development-innovation-economicissues_intgovforum.org

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